PHOENIX COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2015
Hacienda Conference Room
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Guest: Acting Phoenix College President Chris Haines (1PM)

Chris Haines gave a short address and answered questions from Senators and other faculty in attendance. She clarified her openness with regard to communication and dialogue with the Faculty, consistent with the principles of shared governance. Chris mentioned that she will be Acting President until June 30, 2015, and that any relevant information she learns about the situation before that point would be promptly shared with the Faculty Senate President.

I. General

A. Meeting called to order at 1:18PM by Salina.

B. Roll call

Senators Present: Salina Bednarek (President), John Schampel (President-elect), Patty Finkenstadt (Past President), Adrianna Coronel, Scott Geddis, Dawn Klecka, Ana Marti-Subirana, Andrea Villarreal, Fred Amador, Robin Ozz, Michael Wilson, Frank Marfai, Victor Cornell, Lysia Hand (Affiliate Member).

Senators Absent: Kate Cross, Geof Eroe.

Guests Present: Kory Ambrosich, Cindy Cloud, James Sousa, Nancy Navarrete, Ann Roselle, Amy MacPherson, Queta Chavez.

C. A motion was made (Geddis) and seconded (Villareal) to approve the agenda as written. Motion passed unanimously.

D. A motion was made (Wilson) and seconded (Marti-Subirana) to approve the April 17, 2015 minutes, with one amendment. Motion passed with one abstention (Amador).

II. Business

A. Salina announced the Senate Election Results. She noted and apologized for an error in the ballot recipients. Instead of just Faculty Association members receiving ballots, all PC Residential Faculty mistakenly received ballots for the election. Salina did discover the error prior to the end of the election. However, because none of the 5 positions up for election (4 Senators, President Elect) were contested, it was deemed unnecessary to recall all of the ballots and re-run the election. It was, however, noted

that this ballot distribution was, in fact, in error. Only Association members were (and are) able to cast a vote. A motion was made (Geddis) and approved (Marfai) to accept the results as announced, despite the error in ballot recipients. The motion passed unanimously.

B. A motion was made (Ozz) and seconded (Geddis) to approve Linda Soland to serve Kurt Chamber's remaining one year term as Service Faculty. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

A. President's Report

Salina discussed her impressions over the past weeks working with Chris Haines and PC Acting President. She mentioned that in nearly all regards both Chris' words and actions embraced a high degree of effective shared-governance. Salina then discussed PET meeting conversations about Maricopa Priorities decisions at PC. Despite Salina's request for PC Admin to reconsider, it was stated by Chris that there would be no change in the planned changeover in the Child Care center. Salina discussed a meeting with the PC MAT and PSA employee group leaders. It was stated that both groups' leadership will roll over while the change in One-workforce happens. Salina discussed that she had contacted Sharon Halford for information about contracts for summer Program Directors, but that she had not yet received a reply from Sharon.

B. Officers' Report

John echoed Salina's sentiments on the notable collegiality and shared governance recent strides in conversations with Chris in the most recent PET meeting. John then presented Salina with a gavel on behalf of the Senate, for her stellar service as PC Faculty Senate President.

C. Budget Review Committee

Salina discussed the April 29th BRC meeting and some of the conversations surrounding the new formula model being considered for supplies and printing in Academic areas. She mentioned that, under the proposed model, supplies and printing would be consolidated into one account. She emphasized that the BRC is a recommending, not a decision-making, body.

D. Faculty Executive Council Report

Salina discussed the District's HCM presentation given to FEC, and that the new system will roll out July 1. FEC approved new Faculty Foundation members. The Foundation is still collecting books for donations. Patty Finkenstadt was approved as the new Academic representative to Meet and Confer. The redlined RFP was scheduled to be

out early next week for viewing by all faculty. Salina discussed the pending changes to HLC faculty requirements and mentioned that they are currently being reviewed at the Vice Chancellor level, and communications with proposed actions will be forthcoming from them. It was noted by some in attendance at the Senate meeting that these changes were announced by HLC back in May of 2014, and yet the communications between District and all of the colleges about the implications and actions needed still seemed to be in their infancy. January 2016 is the drop date for compliance for the new policy with adjuncts. It was stated that starting now, no new hires should be made which do not meet the new HLC criteria.

IV. Information

A. Testing Services

Salina announced that starting in Fall of 2015, all PC Faculty will have the option of electronic submission of make-up tests. The tests will have to be submitted by 3pm of the prior day for the following day's appointment. Faculty will have to submit their exams in pdf format. It was noted (though not uniformly understood by all Faculty Senators in attendance) that existing PC Testing Center policy requires students to make an appointment in order to take a make up test. An announcement for Fall 2015 containing all relevant details will be forthcoming from the Testing Center.

B. Meet & Confer was covered in the President's Report.

C. Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award

Salina announced the winners of the Adjunct Faculty Teaching Excellence Award. Rosa Becsei (Dental Hygiene Program), William Branson (Business Department), JW Gaberdiel (Communication Studies & Mathematics Department), Lysia Hand, (Communication Studies), Carolyn Iriart (Dental Assisting Program) were the 5 recipients for the 2014-2015 Academic year. Salina opined that hopefully that incoming Senate President and President-Elect will continue to offer the award.

V. Zone Reports

Zone 1: Dawn Klecka reported recurring payment problems and rampant loading irregularities in the Nursing department. She suggested that further action regarding these problems was likely forthcoming, including a potential grievance.

Zone 2: Fred Amador stated a zone concern from a constituent about Faculty wearing proper (or improper) regalia during the graduation ceremony. All faculty were advised to wear the regalia commensurate with one's degree level and disciplinary area. Fred reported another zone concern regarding the recent advising of students who are full-time to take 15 credits, loosely referred to as "Finish Faster with 15," or "15 is full-time to finish." Fred wondered if many faculty were aware of this initiative (many were not), its extent, and whether it was appropriate to be recommending this credit load for all of our students. Salina stated that John would check with Chris about this initiative.

Zone 3: Robin Ozz brought a zone concern citing “a lack of transparency” between the English Department Chair and faculty. Another concern cited complaints about the performance of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Zone 4: Frank Marfai brought zone concerns regarding the origin of the 2 faculty lines that were recently found and funded by PC administration. It was noted that these are salary lines that were not the consequence of any 2014-2015 retirements. This conversation prompted a request from senate to have the Senate President acquire a list of all Faculty line position numbers as written in the current PC budget, as a first step to fully clarifying where these 2 faculty lines came from in the college budget, and where the money was being spent prior to their recent discovery.
Frank brought a second zone concern regarding problems with conversations between PC Administration and Math Faculty, who are trying to secure a suitable location for a summer outreach workshop with Phoenix Union. Suggestions as to possible buildings where the workshop might be held were offered by Senators
Anna Marti-Subirana discussed problems she was experiencing with being properly compensated for Adjunct supervision and Evening supervision. She stated that she intends to file a grievance.

VI. A motion was made (Geddis) and seconded (Marti-Subirana) to adjourn at 2:48 pm.

Next Faculty Senate Meeting
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